A True ACCOUNT of

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AGAINST

His Majesty's Sacred Person and Government,

Fully made out from a Letter intercepted, which was written by the Earl of *Melford*, Secretary of State to the Late King *James*, and directed to the Earl of *Perth*, Governour to the pretended Prince of *Wales*.

February the 18th, 1701.

YEsterday we receiv'd Advice of an intended Invasion from *France*, in order to restore the Late King *James*, with several particulars in Relation to an Insurrection in the Kingdoms of *England* and *Scotland*, which are said to be as follow.

By a particular Providence a Letter was intercepted from the Earl of *Melford*, the Late King *James*'s Secretary, written by his own Hand, and directed to his Brother the Earl of *Perth*, Governour to the pretended Prince of *Wales*; wherein a Project was intimated to be contriv'd, to bring in Popery and Slavery, by the means of a Foreign Power.

It seem'd to hint at the discontents of His Present Majesty's Subjects in General, (which is a known untruth) but more particularly of those who were in the Interest of the Late K. *James*, with the likelihood of that horrid Design's taking Effect, from the Dispositions of several Disaffected Persons in *England* and *Scotland*.

In the last the Duke of *Hamilton* was several times made mention of, and that he ought to be particularly advis'd with, in Relation to the Affairs of the Kingdom he belong'd to, by the Name of the Earl of *Arran*.

This Letter likewise gives us an Exact Number of their Forces, with a true List of their Ships ready to put to Sea on this unjust Occasion; which tho' we could give the Particulars of, we shall leave wholy to the Discretion of those who have it under their Consideration.

To confirm the Truth of this unexpected Account, the Master of the *Susannah* Ketch of *London*, design'd for *Dublin* with Brandy and Paper from Port *Louis*, Reports, that whilst he was in that Harbour, he with all other *English* and *Dutch* Ships had Soldiers put on Board 'em, and were not permitted to go a Shore, or any Boat to come to 'em; but when the Wind came Fair, they had Orders sent 'em from the Intendant to Sail, or to cut their Cables, lest they should by any longer stay come to the Knowledge of their Designs.

'Tis hop'd such an early and providential Advice as this, will Animate all *Englishmen* to the Defence of His Majesty's Royal Person, and their Country, whom they have such lasting Obligations to; and the Disposition of All People will so be Consonant to theirs who have always been indefatigable towards our Preservation, that we shall defeat the Designs of our Common Enemies, as has hitherto happen'd on the like Occasions.

POST SCRIPT.

This Letter was intercepted, and mention, (besides what has been already taken Notice of) is made of a great Number of Arms and Kettle Drums, which have lain conceal'd ever since the *Lancashire Plot*; and a Multitude of Horses in several *Ports* of the Kingdom, which are to be made up till the Quota design'd is compleated.

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